

I am writing my testimony to express the support of Bill HB 5291, an Act that authorizes bonding for bikeways, greenways and recreational trails.

As a business owner, cycling advocate and lifelong cyclist, I support this Act. It is easy to see the benefits of outdoor experiences whether it be for an individual, a family or group of friends. The bike paths provide opportunities for cyclists and pedestrians alike. They may be used as a recreational way of enjoying the outdoors or as a means of transportation, as there are numerous ways to combine the use of a bike path with the use of public transportation when commuting to work. Regardless, all cases of use benefit physical and mental well being. You can see people on any section of existing bike paths on any given day of the year. It is a safe place to recreate and commute. With the growing environmental concerns, it is also a way to contribute to the efforts of lessening carbon emissions. Further development of bike paths can also be a part of infrastructural improvements that help now, and pave the way into the future for responsible alternative methods of transportation.

Ride safely and ride often,

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I do not work for any state agency.